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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: SS-NX-20 SUBMARINE LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE (SLBM) POST-LAUNCH MAINTENANCE IS UNDERWAY ON THE TYPHOON NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSBN). 25X1
2. (S/D) REMARKS: FOUR STARBOARD AND ONE PORTSIDE MISSILE TUBE DOORS ARE OPEN. A HOIST HOUSING PLATFORM IS POSITIONED OVER ONE OF THE STARBOARD TUBES. THE PRESENCE OF THE HOIST HOUSING SUGGESTS REFURBISHMENT OF THIS LAUNCH TUBE IS UNDERWAY. THIS TUBE MAY HAVE LAUNCHED THE SS-NX-20 WHICH FLEW FROM THE SOUTHERN WHITE SEA AREA TO KAMCHATKA [REDACTED] (DEFSMAC 291335Z JUN 82 SECRET). PROBABLE FRANGIBLE (BREAKABLE) COVERS FOR THE SS-NX-20 MISSILE TUBES ARE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME. PROBABLE FRANGIBLE COVERS CAN BE SEEN ON THREE OF THE STARBOARD MISSILE TUBES. THESE COVERS ARE APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] AND APPEAR SLIGHTLY ROUNDED. A FOURTH COVER (PROBABLY FROM THE OPEN PORTSIDE TUBE), IS ON A BARGE BETWEEN THE QUAY AND THE SUBMARINE. A PROBABLE LOCK-DOWN RING, [REDACTED] IS NEARBY. FRANGIBLE COVERS ARE USED TO KEEP WATER OUT OF THE LAUNCH TUBE AFTER PRESSURE EQUALIZATION AND OPENING OF THE DOOR PRIOR TO LAUNCH. A FLAT PROTECTIVE MISSILE TUBE COVER, 3 METERS IN DIAMETER (USED TO PREVENT PERSONNEL INJURY DURING YARD PERIODS), IS ON THE QUAY NEAR FIVE OF THE DEMI-BALLAST CANS WHICH [REDACTED] 25X1
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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 64-34-39N 039-48-29E 25X1

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